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SUBJECT: CARIBBEAN LABOR MINISTERS MEETING CANCELLED

1. THE ANNUAL PRE-ILO MEETING OF CARIBBEAN LABOR MINISTERS SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK IN BARBADOS WAS CALLED OFF BY GOB LABOUR MINISTER LIONEL CRAIG, APPARENTLY BECAUSE CRAIG WAS MIFFED AT THE LACK OF PLANNED ATTENDANCE BY LABOR MINISTER FROM OTHER CARICOM STATES.

2. BRITISH LABOUR ATTACHE BASED IN PORT OF SPAIN TOLD EMBOFF THAT MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR LABOUR IN TRINIDAD WAS TIED UP WITH TEXACO OIL CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS; THAT JAMAICAN LABOUR MINISTER WAS NOT PLANNING TO ATTEND ILO MEETING AND THEREFORE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN THE PRE-ILO MEETING; AND THAT GENERAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN GUYANA PROHIBITED THE ATTENDANCE IN BARBADOS OF THE APPROPRIATE MINISTER.

3. COMMENT. WHATEVER SLIGHT CHANCE THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN FOR DISCUSSIONS AND COMMON POSITIONS BY THE COMMONWEALTH
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CARIBBEAN AT THE ILO MEETING IS NOW GONE.
SINCE THE LABOR MINISTERS MEETING WAS SPECIFICALLY MEANT TO BE A PRE-ILO MEETING, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT ANOTHER MEETING WILL BE SCHEDULED. THE FAILURE OF THE MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED ALSO INDICATES GENERAL PAUCITY OF CURRENT INTEREST IN THE REGIONAL IDEA, EVEN AS TRIBUTES FLOW FORTH TO REGIONAL

LABOR AND POLITICAL LEADER ROBERT BRADSHAW. END COMMENT.
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